UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,))
VS.) Case No.) 18-CR-5017-MDH-1)
JACK D. DAGGETT,))
Defendant.)

SENTENCING
BEFORE THE HONORABLE M. DOUGLAS HARPOOL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018; 9:35 A.M.
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

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6	THE COURT: We are here for the sentencing of Jack
7	Daggett. Who will be appearing on behalf of the United
8	States?
9	MS. MILLER: Ami Miller for the government, Your
LO	Honor.
11	THE COURT: And on behalf of the defendant?
12	MR. LEWIS: Ian Lewis for the defense, Your Honor.
L3	THE COURT: Mr. Daggett, my name is Doug Harpool.
L4	I'm a federal district judge and it is my responsibility this
15	morning to sentence you for the crime you've committed.
L6	The law instructs me to sentence you to a sentence
L7	which is sufficient but not greater than necessary to meet the
L8	objectives of the U.S. sentencing laws. So what we're going
19	to do in this hearing, the first thing we'll do is we'll
20	consult those laws and we'll first look at what the Congress
21	and president have enacted as to the authorized punishment for
22	your crime. Any sentence I impose, of course, has to be one
23	authorized by the statute and the law.
24	We'll then look at the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.
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Sentencing Commission and the Supreme Court has told me that in every case I have to calculate what your sentence would be if I adopted a guideline sentence. And adopting a guideline means we have to assign an offense level to you and a criminal history category and then look at a table in the back. So that's the second thing we'll do in this hearing.

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The third is I'll listen to the lawyers make arguments on other factors relevant to sentencing under Title 18, Section 3553(a). There's lots of factors relevant to sentencing that are described in the law other than just the guidelines. We'll consider every one of those factors. Even if we don't specifically mention it, please understand I will be considering that factor, too. We'll try to focus the comments — our comments on those that are mentioned by the lawyers and those that may be ultimately most determinative of my final sentence.

After the lawyers have had their say and made their recommendation, I'll give you a chance to say something to me, if you want to. Please understand, you have no obligation to say anything, but if you want to say something, I will give you that chance because if there's something you want to say, I want to hear it. When that's finished, I'll make my final decision.

Before entering the courtroom, I want to assure you I've read everything that's been submitted to me but I've not

made any final decision and I won't until we complete the 1 2 process that we've gone through. But before you leave this 3 courtroom, I will have made that final decision, I will have 4 announced it to you and I'll explain it to you. All right? 5 You understand what we're going to do? 6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. 7 THE COURT: Now, a presentence investigation report 8 was prepared and that's one of the things I've read. Have you 9 read a copy of your presentence investigation report? 10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. 11 THE COURT: All right. Had a chance to talk to your 12 lawyer about that report? 13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. 14 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead and be seated, 15 then, we'll get started. 16 Counsel, the defendant is quilty of the crime of 17 receipt and distribution of child pornography in violation of 18 18 U.S.C. 2252(a)(2) and (b)(1). As I understand the law, the 19 sentence must be at least five years, can be as long as 20 20 years in prison, it could include a fine as much as \$250,000, 21 could include supervised release at least five years and could 2.2. go on as long as life, payment of a \$100 mandatory special 2.3 assessment, then I think there can also be a special assessment under the \$5,000 JVTA special assessment.

Everybody agree that's the potential punishment the

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defendant is facing? 1 2 MS. MILLER: Yes, Your Honor. 3 MR. LEWIS: Yes, Your Honor. 4 THE COURT: Now let's turn to the U.S. Sentencing 5 Guidelines. The presentence investigation report assigns an 6 offense level of 32 and a criminal history of one. 7 Are there any objections to either of those which I need to take up or consider? 8 9 MS. MILLER: None from the government, Your Honor. 10 MR. LEWIS: No objections that affect the 11 quidelines, Your Honor. 12 THE COURT: My understanding is you do have -- your 13 client is not admitting some of the provisions of the 14 presentence investigation report; is that correct? 15 MR. LEWIS: That is correct, Your Honor. 16 That objection will be noted. THE COURT: 17 Mr. Daggett, the sentencing guideline has offense 18 levels of from 1 to 43. And it -- as I said, we all agree 19 that properly using this book you are assigned a 32. It has 20 criminal history categories of from one to six, six being the 21 highest. We all agree you're the lowest, you're the one. 2.2. So in order to see what your guideline sentence 2.3 would be recommended by the U.S. Sentencing Commission -- or 24 suggested by the U.S. Sentencing Commission guideline, I 25 should say, we go to 32 and to the first category and that's a sentence of between 121 and 151 months.

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Any disagreement that that's our guideline sentence?

MS. MILLER: None from the government.

MR. LEWIS: Nor from the defense.

THE COURT: All right. So now we'll go to the third step and that is look at other factors relevant to sentencing and determine whether that guideline sentence is appropriate in your case or whether a sentence above or below the guideline is appropriate. Toward that end I'm going to recognize Ms. Miller on behalf the United States to make her presentation. Your lawyer will get the opportunity when she's finished.

Ms. Miller.

MS. MILLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

Your Honor, the government has filed a sentencing memorandum in response to the defendant's in this case.

THE COURT: I have reviewed it.

MS. MILLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

In that we have requested an upward variance of 180 months to be followed by a term of life supervised release. There are a variety of the 3553(a) factors I believe that in this specific case would support an upward variance or at the very least the high end of the guideline range.

One of the main factors I believe is the defendant's offense conduct and his history and characteristics. Reading

through the PSR it notes for the Court that this defendant, he did give a post-Miranda statement and he was incredibly forthright with law enforcement, which is a credit to him, but what he was forthright with is extremely disturbing and concerning.

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This defendant related a lengthy history of being in and out of homes in the juvenile system in both New Hampshire and Maine, which is unfortunate; however, he described that he had sexually abused numerous children and at one point in his interview stated that he couldn't even count or recall. When asked to estimate, he believed that he had by the time he was 18 sexually abused approximately 30 to 40 children in the group homes that he was in.

He described that the first time he was caught sexually abusing another child he was sent to therapy and when he was sent to therapy he attempted to set fire and burn down the therapist's office.

So needless to say I think it's very apparent from the defendant's own statement that he had a very disturbing childhood and has had a life-long history of addiction to child pornography which he admitted to and to hands-on offenses with other children.

When you take that in connection with the fact that after he has that life-long history, he's caught receiving and distributing child pornography again. When he was giving his

statement he stated to law enforcement, I look at child pornography approximately once to twice a day and I masturbate to it so that I don't reoffend, so that I don't go out and molest other children. This is clearly someone who has a very significant problem and one of the 3553(a) factors is protection of the public.

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So this is a situation and case where we have a defendant who has for the better part of his life either been molesting children or sexually abusing other individuals and being addicted to child pornography and how do we get the public protected? And I think that in this particular case given his history it requires a lengthy term of incarceration.

I will tell the Court that we also requested the juvenile records from New Hampshire and Maine, though as the PSR stated, much like the probation and parole office, we did not receive anything as of this point, so I cannot give the Court anything specific outside of what the defendant stated in his own post-Miranda statement to law enforcement.

The other factors in this case, Your Honor, nature and circumstances of the offense, this defendant in total had 6,135 images and approximately 30 videos. The images and videos were primarily of prepubescent minors. A large number of the images and videos included infants and included bestiality and a significant amount of rape and bondage. I believe there were three images of bestiality; however, there

were I believe over a couple hundred images with rape and bondage.

So this defendant did have a significant amount of images, clearly not as much as the Court has seen in the spectrum that has come before Your Honor but I believe when you couple that with his history and characteristics, that is the reason why we're asking for the upward variance in this case. And I do believe that a lengthy term of supervised release — and we've requested life — would be necessary to ensure protection for the public in this case.

Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Is there a restitution request?

MS. MILLER: Oh, yes. Your Honor, there is two restitution requests in this case. The first restitution request comes from the victim is the Sponge Bob series and is identified by the pseudonym Andy, and as I've laid out for the Court, there are 11 images. That victim is requesting 58,415. The next five restitution requests come from the five victims in the 8kid series which are John Does 1 through 5. There was 2,357 identified images of the victims in the 8kid series. They're requesting 15,000 per victim based upon the harm caused to them. We are asking that the Court order restitution as it deems fair and just along the parameters of Paroline, Your Honor.

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MR. LEWIS: If it please the Court.

THE COURT: Proceed.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you.

Your Honor, let me speak briefly to restitution.

Your Honor, I've talked this over with my client. We also agree that the Court — we have full faith that the Court can render a fair restitution judgment.

Regarding the government's argument, at first blush it makes sense. But once I received it yesterday or the day before, started picking through it, I have to say that the government's position and their reasoning for an upward variance truly violates three — at least three areas of time—honored concepts that we have in sentencing. And I love when things come in threes.

But first, uniformity of sentencing. Not just this Court but most Courts in the United States when it deals with the child pornography guideline are downwardly departing from it because of what I've outlined in my memo. And I'm not going to spend too much time on that, Your Honor, but it's difficult for me to understand is this a variance based upon the current guideline that we all know — even the government at many times has joined us in this argument — we know is flawed or is it an upward variance from the guidelines that typically the parties can agree to which is much lower than

the guideline that has been put forward by the probation office?

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So I don't know if the government is asking for 180 months over the guideline of 121 to 150 something or in all other cases that have come before this Court in the past three, four years, the Court has rendered sentences well below 121 to 151 based upon the antiquity of some of the guideline enhancements. So are we talking about a jump of five years from the low end or a jump of 10 years from the low end?

Either way it cuts to why are we treating

Mr. Daggett differently than almost everyone else that has

come before this Court or any Court in the Western District of

Missouri where the government is not recognizing that the

guideline in this case is flawed? It has been deemed flawed

by their own members. And so I feel that if we render a

180-month sentence without giving any kind of due credence to

all of the arguments in the past, we fly in the face of

uniformity of sentencing. He should be treated the same as

all others.

Second, what evidence is there that my client did these actions in Maine? The Court has not been presented any evidence of my client molesting multiple children in Maine or other homes. There's a reason — and I know I get derided by some people for making the *Menteer* objection but this is why I make the *Menteer* objection.

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We objected to the offense conduct so under our law my client has not admitted to the facts that are presented in the offense conduct so the information in the PSI cannot be used as evidence, as fact. So unless the government presents some evidence that my client committed these crimes, then it's merely speculation.

But I'll give it to the government for my third argument. I'll give it to my government. Let's say they do play whatever recordings or whatever statements. Well, then now we're into the corpus delicti. So now we're punishing the client based merely upon his own statement.

I would assume the government in their vast amount of resources could find one of 20 possibly victims to come and corroborate any of the statements or some judicial record that would hint to corroboration of his statements. But there isn't any; quite the reverse. If there is a juvenile record, it speaks nothing of child molestation.

So we should punish Mr. Daggett for the crime he committed and that crime is receipt and distribution of child pornography. Until the government can present some evidence beyond his own admission that is completely uncorroborated by the body of evidence, I think that is the only fair thing this Court can do at this time.

Now, I don't want to belie that the government may have concerns -- the Court may have concern about public

safety. I do understand that factor in 3553(a). But let us not forget that the BOP and our law system under 4248 have a mechanism in place. If they truly believe my client suffers from a mental disease and because of that mental disease he is a sexually violent predator, the BOP and the Courts, they have a remedy for that. But I think trying to fix it on this end based upon this lack of evidence would be inappropriate.

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The other thing the government mentioned was the type and nature. When I think about the type and nature of child pornography, it always kind of — there is no good child pornography. It's all bad. So now we're just talking about shades of bad. But in my memo I did not attack sadomasochistic violent conduct, prepubescent minor. I did not attack those because those are — that's supported by the evidence and those guideline enhancements are supported by the evidence and should apply. So in a backwards way I'm saying the guidelines have already taken into account the type and nature of the conduct, and still even when we take into account the type and nature of the conduct, we know these guidelines are flawed.

I am asking for a sentence to reflect — like every sentence I've argued for the past handful of years, to reflect the use of a computer enhancement as antiquated and for the number of images enhancement to also be antiquated and based upon a flawed concept of drug enhancement use and amounts and

to render a sentence that is uniform with almost everyone else that has come into this courtroom. And 60 months I know is the lowest but if you take into account all those factors, it's right in the middle of the guideline range that I would suggest.

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THE COURT: As I understand your argument, it's because you filed an objection to the factual material in the presentence investigation report that I should not consider that as relevant conduct unless the government presents specific evidence to support what's in the presentence investigation report?

MR. LEWIS: Your Honor, my argument is the Eighth Circuit has ruled facts not objected to in the PSI become facts and I have been — I have been burned and I have been saved by that ruling. And in this case he objected to his own statement being presented in the PSI and until otherwise ruled, it is not a fact that he's admitting to and the government would have to prove that. Even if they did bring his statement to the Court's attention, the third argument of what corroboration beyond this do we have to punish him for this?

Thank you.

THE COURT: Ms. Miller, do you want to comment on just that issue?

MS. MILLER: Yes. Thank you, Your Honor.

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The standard is preponderance of the evidence. And as Mr. Lewis is objecting to it and the Court would like to hear evidence, the special agent — Homeland Security Special Agent J. D. Holdman who took the defendant's interview, is present here today and can testify to the statements made by the defendant; however, the government will also say if the defendant is going to now say he objects to the statements he made in his interview, his own statement which has been provided to him, that also goes to acceptance of responsibility. Can't have it both ways.

But at this time if the Court would like to hear from Special Agent Holdman, the government can put him on the stand and he can testify to the statements made by the defendant at the time of his interview.

I will also say — and I will be happy to brief this for the Court — when it comes to sentencing enhancement factors, including history and characteristics, Mr. Lewis brought up corpus delicti. The defendant's own statements and own admissions of past criminal conduct can be taken as the enhancement factor. The Court need not require any other corroboration beyond the admissions that a defendant has made when it's going to sentencing enhancement factors. This is not to the actual offense of guilt, this is the preponderance of the evidence standard for sentencing enhancement.

THE COURT: You want to say something? 1 2 MR. LEWIS: Very briefly. 3 I understand that. But let us not forget his 4 statements are apparently what he did while he was in the 5 foster care system with no date specific. He was in the 6 foster care system starting at the age of seven, so that is 7 the problem. I understand that the corpus delicti at a 8 sentencing hearing may be able to -- we might be able to end 9 run it, but the reason it exists is because of this. 10 not going to be able with specificity to corroborate any of 11 his statement, especially since we're beginning at age of 12 seven. When were these alleged -- if all this alleged conduct 13 happened when he was eight years old, then it's really not 14 criminal. 15 Let me ask you this: Do you agree that THE COURT: 16 if the officer was called he would say the statements in the 17 presentence investigation report were made by your client in 18 the interview? 19 MR. LEWIS: Yes. 20 You're willing to stipulate to that THE COURT: 21 much? 2.2. MR. LEWIS: Yes, Your Honor. 2.3 THE COURT: Okay. I don't really see any reason to 2.4 call him, then, if -- I still understand your arguments but --

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THE COURT: All right. Do you want to say something else?

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MS. MILLER: Your Honor, if I could just mention one other factor.

Probation and parole was able to obtain some of the records and the statement that the defendant made that the first time he was caught sexually molesting another child he was sent to therapy and he attempted to burn down the office, probation and parole was able to get that arson juvenile adjudication, and as it's noted on page 8, Paragraph 42, the defendant was in the juvenile courts of Maine charged for arson and he was adjudicated and there was a period of detention. Although they weren't able to get any of the other records, that was verified by probation and parole and the defendant admitted to that statement.

Furthermore, the defendant's mother was interviewed as part of the presentence investigation report and she also verified much, if not all, the information that was provided by the defendant as well. So I will say that it's not just the defendant's statements; there are other things that do corroborate what the defendant stated.

THE COURT: Those are things he's objected to?

MS. MILLER: Correct, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Lawyers have anything else they want -- on this issue?

1 MR. LEWIS: No, Your Honor. 2 MS. MILLER: No. 3 THE COURT: Or on sentence generally? 4 I want to give Mr. Daggett a chance -- does he wish 5 to say something to the Court? 6 THE DEFENDANT: I have nothing to say, Your Honor. 7 THE COURT: All right. 8 All right. Well, let me now attempt to let you know 9 my thinking about your sentence and where I came to the 10 conclusion I did, or I'm going to announce. 11 Let me first say that I recognize that there are 12 factors that have placed you in a difficult position in life. 13 You suffer from ADHD, Asperger's, you were placed in foster 14 care as a young child, and that you also suffered some abuse. 15 THE DEFENDANT: (Nods head.) 16 THE COURT: All of those explain, perhaps, where you 17 got off course. But in your sentence, you have to understand, 18 I have an obligation to protect the public, and if all of 19 these factors I've just mentioned cause you to be a risk to 20 the public -- and in this case particularly to our children --2.1 then I have to -- I have to take a sentence that will protect 2.2. the public from you. 2.3 If there are others out there who are struggling the 24 way you said you were -- I think your explanation is you 25 consulted child pornography actually as a release for these

urges, I suppose that that's better than the — continuing to act out on the urges but it's still not lawful. And the sentence I impose I hope would encourage someone who is in your situation to make an even better decision and that would be to seek counseling and treatment to control the urges.

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I simply can't understand how anybody finds images of children or children themselves to be sexually exciting or a mode of release. I'm confident our society should be better than that and I believe it mainly is.

So what we have to do is find a treatment program within the Bureau of Prisons to try to help you address whatever it is you're dealing with, but it won't be successful if you don't want it to be. So whatever attitude you have that led allegedly to you burning down the counselor's office or that type of attitude, that's not going to work. You're not going to get through this problem without you wanting to get through it. Children are too precious.

I don't know exactly what happened to you, I just know what's in the presentence investigation report, but I'll tell you this, that acting out toward children won't make whatever hurt you feel from what happened to you go away. It won't help. And for whatever hurt you feel for what happened to you, we've got to find a better way to deal with it and you've got to find a better way to deal with it.

Your lawyer argues that the guidelines are flawed.

That's well established in things I've said in the past from this bench and from things the U.S. Sentencing Commission says itself. Their own publications acknowledge the guidelines are. However, on the continuum that I apply to these kind of cases, I don't feel it's fair to sentence you simply as someone who has looked at child pornography because there is some related conduct. I think, at least according to what you told the officer in your past, that you've gone beyond just looking and you've acted. And that requires a more — a greater sentence than what I might otherwise give in just what I call a looking case, a case where you've simply looked.

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The number of images you have are not particularly high but as I've said from this bench — and Mr. Lewis will remember — the number of images isn't necessarily that significant to me in terms of what my sentence should be, and that cuts both ways. When the images are real high, I don't necessarily increase the sentence as much as some would but if the number of images are low, that doesn't necessarily excuse the criminal conduct. I am concerned about the acting out in your case.

So I am not going to go beyond the guidelines. In fact, I'm going to go a little below. I'm going to go to the middle of the guidelines, recognizing your Asperger's syndrome, your ADHD, that you were a victim of childhood abuse, that you were in foster care for a long time, and that

the acting out, at least from what we can tell, is somewhat dated, not -- not very recent.

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So pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, it's the judgment of this Court that defendant Jack Daggett is hereby committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for 144 months. Upon release from imprisonment the defendant will be placed on supervised release for life.

I want to talk to you for a second about supervised release. You told me you read your presentence investigation report?

THE DEFENDANT: (Nods head.)

THE COURT: There's a lot of information in that.

One of the things, it talks about the conditions of supervised release that you're going to have to live by. Because I am concerned about protecting the public, there are some significant restrictions on what you can and cannot do even after you get out of prison. Now, those are subject to modification later if circumstances change but they put some real restrictions on you. Understand, those restrictions will impact what you can and cannot do after you're released from prison but those are designed to help you not get back into trouble and not yield to whatever urge or darkness has caused you your failures in the past.

If you feel at some point after you're out of prison that you're failing or that this urge is coming back or it's

difficult to control, please get help before you act out, before you reaccess child pornography. Let's don't have anymore victims.

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And there are child pornography — even people you've never seen before, they are victims. They'll have to deal with what happened to them for the rest of their life. We don't need anymore victims. So you need to follow those rules. If you don't, understand you can be sent back to prison. So follow those rules precisely.

Now, I'm not going to impose a fine. I don't think you really have the ability to pay a fine. You do have to pay the \$100 special assessment. I find you do not have the ability to pay the \$5,000 special assessment required by the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act and I waive that assessment. You do have to comply with the mandatory and standard conditions adopted by the Court in addition to those special conditions in your presentence investigation report. I am going to recommend that you participate in the BOP sex offender treatment program and that you be designated at a suitable SOMP facility where you can receive that treatment.

By way of restitution, I recognize that you're not in a financial position and that you didn't personally act out against these individuals but you did view them being victimized, so I am going to order restitution in the amount of \$1500 to the Sponge Bob series and \$5,000 to the 8kid

series to be evenly divided among the victims of that series. I'm going to ask Ms. Miller to provide me with a restitution judgment setting forth proper addresses where we pay those amounts.

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I'm not going to — obviously, I know you can't pay it all at once. Make payments while you're in prison at the rate of 10 percent of whatever earnings you have in prison. When you get out, starting 30 days after you're out of prison, then I expect you to pay no less than \$100 a month or 10 percent of your earnings, whatever is greater. I'm not going to have interest accrue but there would be penalties if you failed to comply. And you also — if you were to be in a position where it could all be paid at once, the government has the right to try to collect it all at once immediately if something were to happen where you would have adequate funds to do so.

You have a right to appeal the sentence I've imposed upon you. If you want to appeal, you need to do so within 14 days. If you don't appeal within 14 days, you risk losing the right to raise issues that otherwise might be raised.

Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Uh-huh.

THE COURT: Anything further on behalf the government?

MS. MILLER: Nothing, Your Honor.

1	THE COURT: Anything further, Mr. Lewis?
2	MR. LEWIS: Yes, Your Honor, if I may quickly.
3	I may have missed it and I'm unclear. The reason
4	the Court is rendering a mid-range guideline range sentence is
5	for public safety issues? Because the Court regarding
6	Asperger's and
7	THE COURT: That is one consideration, yes.
8	MR. LEWIS: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor. That is
9	all.
10	THE COURT: Anything further?
11	MS. MILLER: Nothing from the government.
12	THE COURT: Is there a location request?
13	MR. LEWIS: Buckner, North Carolina, if you could,
14	Your Honor.
15	THE COURT: We will make that recommendation.
16	Mr. Daggett, our goal for you is for you to put this
17	darkness and replace it with something that would allow you to
18	be free in society and not a danger to others and that you
19	could be free of this burden and darkness that you feel, that
20	you've clearly felt for some time. All right?
21	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
22	THE COURT: All right. Good luck to you.
23	We'll be in recess.
24	(Court stands in recess at 10:12 a.m.)
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